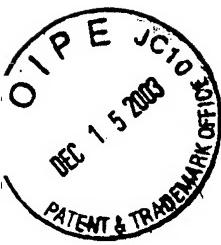


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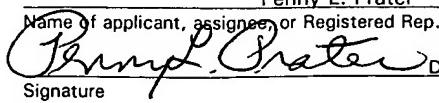
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Applicants do not believe any extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application. However, in the event any such extension is necessary, applicants hereby submit their petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorize the office to charge any necessary fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.117(a) to deposit account number 03-1620. Any additional fees required, including the fees for net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to said deposit account.

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**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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